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Title: Determination of Free Fractions

## CERTIFICATION OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a)

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William F. Gray**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS**  
**UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

Commissioner for Patents  
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This replies to the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) mailed to Applicants on 24 May 2006. A copy of Form PCT/DO/EO/905 is enclosed.

**DECLARATION OR OATH**

No declaration or oath was filed. Enclosed is the original declaration or oath for this application (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).

**COMPLETION FEES**

Surcharge fee for late filing of original declaration or oath (37 C.F.R. 1.492(e)) \$130.00.

**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. **13-3372** in the amount of **\$130.00** for the matters indicated above. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees, any underpayment of fees, and credit any overpayment to the above deposit account. A duplicate of this request is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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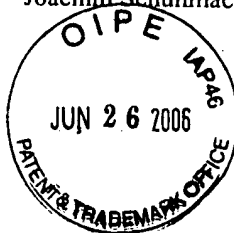


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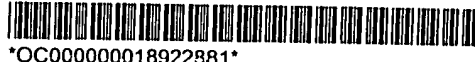
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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 02/01/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 02/01/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 02/01/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 02/01/2006
- Copy of references cited in ISR filed on 02/01/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 02/01/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 02/01/2006
- Specification filed on 02/01/2006
- Claims filed on 02/01/2006
- Abstracts filed on 02/01/2006
- Drawings filed on 02/01/2006

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Surcharge.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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